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In Re Application of:

Mark V. SHOEN

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For: **COUPLING DISCONNECT
PREVENTION DEVICE**

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Examiner: James M. Hewitt

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds as follows to the Office
Action mailed on July 29, 2004:

Amendments to the Claims: begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Response to July 29, 2004 Office
Action

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